

Resources Agency, white-tailed deer populations as well as turkey populations, migratory waterfowl, and many other wildlife species, are strong in large measure because of hunters who value the resource. In Tennessee, alone hunters, anglers, and boaters, spend nearly \$1 billion a year on their sports, and some have estimated that economic activity is responsible for at least 26,000 jobs across the State.

Considering all of that, it is important to protect the kind of access present and past generations have had to hunt and fish on Federal public lands and waters for our children and the generations that follow them. I look forward to passing these traditions to my grandchildren. That is the overarching goal of this legislation and as a cochairman of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus I believe that is a positive thing.

The bill would preserve access to Federal public lands for hunting and fishing, but also leaves intact the authority of Federal agencies managing those lands to prohibit these and other activities where they are not compatible with public safety, national security, or other ongoing activities on a particular section of land or water. The bill is narrowly focused to address land and water owned and managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land Management.

The bill is supported in principle by the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. It also has the support of organizations including the Delta Wildlife Foundation, Safari Club International, Quail Unlimited, the Wildlife Legislative Fund of America, and the National Rifle Association.

A companion bill has been introduced in the U.S. Senate by Senator RICHARD SHELBY of Alabama, and we look forward to moving the measure through the legislative process in a bipartisan fashion.

COMMEMORATING DAY OF PORTUGAL

HON. BARBARA B. KENNELLY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 1997

Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the Day of Portugal celebrations taking place in the First Congressional District of Connecticut and throughout the world.

Every year on June 10, the date of the birth of Portugal's greatest poet, Luis de Camoes, who lived from 1524 to 1580, people of Portuguese descent around the world honor their heritage on Day of Portugal. It is a time to pause and reflect on the many achievements of that great nation over the centuries and to celebrate the strong friendship between the United States and Portugal.

Thousands of Connecticut residents are proud of their Portuguese heritage and share their cultural traditions with their neighbors and communities in which they live. The example of family unity, pursuit of education and respect for the elderly set by the Portuguese are profound lessons for all of us. Many Portuguese-Americans have contributed significantly to the development of the United States, including Supreme Court Justice Benjamin Cardozo, navigator Pedro Cabrillo, and Marine Corp band director John Philip Sousa.

As one of the founding members of NATO, Portugal is a highly valued ally and close friend. Portugal is a vital link of security for Europe and the Mediterranean Sea, and a longtime host of the United States Air Force base on Lajes, Terceira, and Azores. Additionally, trade between our two nations is active and continues to grow.

I congratulate the organizations from the First Congressional District that are dedicated to promoting Portuguese cultural heritage and expanding educational opportunities throughout the State of Connecticut: the Holy Ghost Portuguese Society, Our Lady of Fatima Church and School, the Portuguese Club of Hartford, and the Portuguese Foundation of Connecticut. I support the efforts to expand the opportunities for cultural and trade exchanges between the United States and Portugal and the continuation of this historical relationship.

SENSE OF THE HOUSE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE JUMPSTART COALITION FOR PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY

HON. DAVID DRIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 1997

Mr. DRIER. Mr. Speaker, we all know the statistics on the general state of educational achievement among high school graduates in America. Poor school performance and student achievement are leaving young adults ill-equipped to function in today's increasingly competitive world. This is particularly true when it comes to basic financial management skills. Increasingly, the lack of basic money management skills among young adults is a major cause of consumer bankruptcies and family crises.

To reverse this trend and help students to become financially competent upon graduation from high school, a group of business associations, government agencies, and universities have formed a partnership known as the JumpStart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy. The goal of the JumpStart Coalition is to provide every student with the skills to be financially competent upon graduation from high school. By dramatically improving the ability of adults to manage their finances, the Coalition hopes to bring about a reduction in credit card delinquencies and bankruptcy filings which undermine the health and welfare of families.

To accomplish these goals, JumpStart is establishing major initiatives to evaluate the current and future levels of financial literacy of young adults, disseminate teaching guidelines for grades K-12; and operate a national clearinghouse to serve as a one-stop information source for high-quality teaching materials.

Given the current concern over the state of education in America, we need to promote more public-private partnerships dedicated to high academic standards, improved school performance and greater student achievement. That is why today, I have introduced House Resolution 658. It expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that the goal of having young adults who can enter the mainstream of an increasingly complex financial world with confidence and prudence is one

which can be advanced through coordinated efforts such as the JumpStart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy.

I urge my colleagues to join me in support of the JumpStart Coalition and its efforts to promote personal finance education by co-sponsoring this resolution. The following is the text of the resolution, a fact sheet on the JumpStart Coalition and the summary of a summary of a recent financial survey of high school seniors.

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Whereas at a time when more consumers are using credit than ever before, the financial skills of young adults are not adequate to cope with the rapid, technologically driven development of new financial products and new ways to deliver those products;

Whereas lack of financial management skills is a major cause of rising consumer bankruptcies and family crises, and generally impairs the health and welfare of the general public;

Whereas it is critical that students and young adults develop functional skills in money management, including basic budgeting, savings, investing, spending, and income;

Whereas the House of Representatives commends the JumpStart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy for its effort to promote personal financial literacy; and

Whereas the House of Representatives supports the Coalition's objective of promoting education to ensure that basic personal management skills are attained during the kindergarten through 12th grade educational experience: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that the goal of having young adults who can enter the mainstream of an increasingly complex financial world with confidence and prudence is one which can be advanced through coordinated efforts such as the JumpStart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy.

JUMPSTART COALITION FOR PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY FACT SHEET ABOUT JUMPSTART

Q. What is the JumpStart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy?

A. The JumpStart Coalition consists of a wide range of organizations, including federal agencies, universities and non-profit associations which have formed a partnership to launch a national effort geared toward improving personal finance literacy among young adults.

The newly formed coalition, a non-profit based in Washington, D.C., currently has about 20 members and expects to add more over time.

Q. What does the coalition want to see happen?

A. In ten years (by the year 2007), JumpStart would like to see every student have skills to be financially competent upon graduation from high school. Specifically, these young adults will have an understanding of a wide range of skills and concepts falling within four core areas: income; money management; saving and investment; and spending.

The coalition also wants to increase public awareness that personal finance management—like reading, math or driver education—is a fundamental life skill which needs to be taught to the nation's 50 million students in grades K-12 to give them a "jumpstart" on their future.

Ultimately, what the coalition wants to see happen is a dramatic improvement in adults' ability to manage their finances. The impact will likely be a reduction in credit card delinquencies and bankruptcy filings.